IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An architecture that supports a plurality of different multimedia communication protocols and applications, each application having at least one multimedia application functional entity, the architecture comprising:

a common mobility management protocol shared by said different multimedia applications for messaging between a given multimedia application functional entity and a mobility management functional entity, including one of an authentication function, a home location function or a visitor location function for mobility management, and for messaging between two of said mobility management functional entities, wherein:

~~The~~ the common mobility management protocol further comprises ~~of claim 1 comprising~~ an address template for defining a set of address identifiers and profile information for completing an attempted communication to an identified address; and

a descriptor for carrying [[the]] address information.

3. (Currently Amended) The common mobility management protocol of claim 2, wherein said descriptor comprises:

a unique identifier for the descriptor;,;

a template; and

a functional entity identifier indicating an owning functional entity of said descriptor.

4. (Currently Amended) The common mobility management protocol as recited in claim 3, wherein said unique descriptor identifier comprises:

a time said descriptor last changed; and

said template comprises a template life field.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The common mobility management protocol of claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a descriptor update message ~~updates~~ to update a template before [[its]] a life of the template expires.

7. (Currently Amended) The common mobility management protocol of claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

a descriptor request message, wherein ~~results in~~ a descriptor confirmation message, identifying all templates conforming to a specified descriptor, is sent in response to receiving the descriptor request message.

8. (Currently Amended) In an architecture supporting a plurality of different multimedia communications protocols and applications, each application having at least one multimedia application functional entity, the architecture comprising:

a common mobility management protocol shared by said different multimedia applications for messaging between a given multimedia application functional entity and a mobility management functional entity, including one of an authentication function, a home location function or a visitor location function for mobility management, and for messaging between two of said mobility management functional entities, wherein:

a message comprises common fields and message-specific data, and

~~The~~ the common mobility management protocol ~~of claim 5 wherein~~ further comprises:

a service request message ~~comprises the~~ comprising an identity of [[the]] an element and a domain requesting service, supported security and a suggested lifetime for a service relationship.

9. (Currently Amended) The common mobility management protocol of claim 2, wherein said template comprises an address string including a Boolean flag indicator as a wild card.

10-14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 11,~~ A method of messaging between management application functional entities and mobility management functional entities and between mobility management functional entities, the method comprising:

receiving a descriptor request message at a descriptor owning functional entity;

matching said descriptor request message with a plurality of templates;

transmitting a descriptor confirmation message with all matching templates; and

resolving mobile terminal conflicts responsive to receipt of a descriptor, wherein:

said descriptor owning functional entity ~~owning~~ owns [[a]] said descriptor, and

said descriptor ~~comprising~~ comprises address data, routing data and service profile data ~~and said method further comprises the step of resolving mobile terminal conflicts responsive to receipt of said descriptor~~.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 11~~ A method of messaging between management application functional entities and mobility management functional entities and between mobility management functional entities, the method comprising:

receiving a descriptor request message at a descriptor owning functional entity;

matching said descriptor request message with a plurality of templates; and

transmitting a descriptor confirmation message with all matching templates, wherein:

said descriptor comprises a group of at least one template, said template defining one of a set of at least one address identifier and service profile data.

17-22 (Canceled).